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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady to barely steady. Demand was generally light to moderate, best for fast food promotions and catering businesses. Supplies were at least adequate with smaller sizes slightly better balanced. Some locations affected by Monday's protest had shortages due to reduced kill or downtime. In the parts structure, movement was fair to fairly good. Dark meat was in good balance to tight and continued to move well. Breast items were sufficient to better balanced with boneless skinless receiving increased interest. Wings were mixed, but available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 67.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 74.25 cents last year on May 4, 2005.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	140.50
BREASTS - B/S	112.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.00
LEG QUARTERS	20.50
WINGS	83.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was generally steady at best. Demand was light to moderate, best for active retail ads and fast food, with optimism for upcoming Mother's Day. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs; however, availability was instances better balanced due to Monday's protest resulting in reduced kill or down time. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Dark meat continued to move well with supplies in good supply to well cleared. Breast items were sufficient to improved, and wings were available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings ranged adequate to available with smaller sizes in the best balance. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was about steady to instances weak. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were in good balance to well cleared; bone-in breasts were clearing satisfactorily. Most dark meat cuts were well cleared. Wings were at least adequate.

MIDWEST REGION The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Offerings varied with some spot shortages noted as a result of plant closings on Monday. Trade interest was limited to fair on whole birds. Fill-in trade noted at 43 cents on mixed sized wogs into the Ohio area. Demand was in a full range, but mostly light to moderate; best into catering and fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to long; weights desirable. Supplies of wings varied, breast cuts fully sufficient, bone-in dark meat tight and boneless dark meat adequate. The trade sentiment was steady to firm on leg items, unsettled on wings, and steady on breast cuts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was about steady. Offerings were fully adequate to meet immediate needs. Buying activity was light. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best where features in progress. Floor stocks at least adequate. Dark meat items continued to show strength, while white meat items were generally steady.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES

DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 29, 2006. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED

DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 29, 2006. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through April 29, 2006 were 2.97 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL

19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 04/29/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	209,630	214,687	-02
CHICKS PLACED	176,618	180,017	-02

Source: NASS,USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-Jun-06 is estimated at 161.6 million head. This compares to 161.9 million head the previous week and to 167.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 169.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.47 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 03, 2006

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	645	88.00-107.00	90-95	92.40
TENDERLOINS	190	85.00-147.00	95-100	96.91
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	166	29.00-38.00	30-32	31.19
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	598	17.00-22.00	18-19	18.66
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	965	20.00-25.00	21-22	21.56
WINGS (WHOLE)	275	60.00-85.00	65-69	68.73
WINGS (CUT)	327	80.00-96.00	85-90	88.67
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	182	70.00-80.00	75-78	73.52

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
36.00-40.00	37.08

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	704	88.00-165.00	95-100	101.03
TENDERLOINS	173	95.00-149.00	95-100	98.80
BREAST - LINE RUN	127	54.00-60.00	-	56.47
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	233	30.00-38.00	31-33	32.76
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	558	19.00-22.00	20	19.56
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,165	18.00-28.00	22-23	22.44
WINGS (WHOLE)	410	60.00-85.00	65-69	67.56
WINGS (CUT)	295	80.00-96.00	85-88	86.36
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.50-40.00	37.78	36.92

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was fair to fairly good for midweek trading. Offerings of boneless skinless breasts and thigh meat were well cleared; bone-in breasts were clearing satisfactorily. Dark meat items were in good balance to closely cleared. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on boneless skinless breasts and most dark meat cuts. The balance of items were steady to at least steady.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 02, 2006	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	100-105	98.37	790,120
TENDERLOINS	100	100.57	243,631
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	66.93	107,800
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	59.70	90,000
LEGS	32-33	29.88	165,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	20.23	503,087
DRUMSTICKS	22-23	27.36	169,671
THIGHS	28-29	34.32	65,400
B/S THIGHS	77-78	70.83	114,538
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	66.85	323,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.73	31,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	30.48	12,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	41.64	44,320

MAY 03, 2006	CURRENT NEG	WTD	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	105	100.39	393,010
TENDERLOINS	100	91.15	106,020
BREAST - WITH RIBS	56-57	69.35	49,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	56	58.91	98,960
LEGS	33-34	28.90	199,370
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	20.25	162,720
DRUMSTICKS	23-24	26.33	80,680
THIGHS	28-29	38.42	50,400
B/S THIGHS	78-79	66.51	83,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	70.45	163,360
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.72	5,480
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	33.50	1,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.87	4,040

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	WTS
	05/03	05/02	05/01	04/28	05/01
Alabama	4,097	3,952	2,981	5,240	5.32
Arkansas	5,453	5,432	(A)	6,345	(A)
Delmarva	2,342	2,299	(A)	2,559	(A)
KY-LA-TN	2,317	2,325	1,497	2,754	5.41
Mississippi	2,761	2,753	2,087	3,617	5.70
North Car	2,645	2,601	951	3,493	5.37
Texas	2,484	2,499	994	2,505	5.11
Total	22,099	21,861	12,596	26,715	5.28
Mon-Wed	59,608 (A)				5.52

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-May-06 is estimated to be 33,063,000 head up 1.21 percent from a week ago and up 3.38 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,667,000, last year 31,982,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	94-98
ROASTERS 4# & UP	97-105
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK
	89-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK
	108-114
	ICE PACK
	100
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK
	111-118
	ICE PACK
	88-102
	DRY PACK
	102-109
DUCKS	
	185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-May-06

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/06/06 (1)	04/29/06
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	158,912 (2)	162,882
Light hens	1,113	1,166
Heavy hens	1,487	1,418
Total	161,512	165,466

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-May-06 is 166.7 million head compared to 166.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.2 million head or 7.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 13-May-06 the estimated available is 166.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 05/01/06	75,818	75,982
AM 04/01/06	81,033	64,881
CHG	-5,215	11,101
PCT CHG	-6	17

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/01/06	04/24/06	05/02/05	05/01/06	04/24/06	05/02/05
PACIFIC						
COAST	375	356	4,152	7,184	7,197	5,919
LOS ANGELES	57	62	48	3,059	3,186	3,172

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 1, 2006

	RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX) 69-76
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX) 72-79

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 05/02/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.50	4.75
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.00	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-
RABBITS lb.	-	1.60	-	RABBITS ea.	1.00	1.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	5.00
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.00
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	6.25
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	23					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 28, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	58.14	131.03	57.32	12.28	4.09	53.23
High	64.29	139.22	57.32	16.38	8.19	53.23
Mostly	58.14	131.03	57.32	16.38	4.09	53.23

SAN JUAN

Low	53.23	126.93	49.14	12.28	4.09	53.23
High	63.47	131.03	57.32	16.38	4.09	53.23
Mostly	61.42	126.93	53.23	12.28	4.09	53.23

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	57.32	131.03	53.23	12.28	4.09	51.18
High	61.42	139.22	57.32	16.38	8.19	51.18
Mostly	57.32	135.12	53.23	16.38	4.09	51.18

BECERRA

Low	55.28	135.12	61.42	12.28	8.19	57.32
High	67.56	139.22	69.61	16.38	8.19	57.32
Mostly	61.42	139.22	65.51	16.38	8.19	57.32

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate for midweek business. Offerings were adequate to available, with lighter sizes in the best position. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady to steady. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate, but clearing on most items. Boneless skinless breast inquiry continues to improve, other white meat items were also clearing. Dark meat items were reported as sufficient, but clearing. Wings were slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE 40-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE (A)
NO. OF BOXES (A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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